<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

1 - 28. (Cancelled)

29. (Amended) A method, comprising packetizing, in a switch having an Ethernet ~~backplan~~ <u>backplane</u>, a TDM frame from an inbound TDM data stream as an Ethernet packet by writing the TDM frame into a payload field of the Ethernet packet and writing <u>(1)</u> a destination of the TDM frame<u>, and (2) information identifying which block of the TDM stream the TDM frame written into the payload field originated from</u> into a destination field of the Ethernet packet.